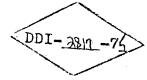
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: CIA Relations or Activities with the Senate

- 1. The following responds to the Senate Select Committee's request for a full report on the nature and extent of all CIA relations or activities in the Senate.
- Congress is the Office of Legislative Counsel. The range of activities include contacts with Members of Congress as well as personal and committee staffs. Regular contact is maintained with the four committees which exercise primary oversight of Agency activities. They are the Senate and House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. There are also frequent contact with other Congressional Committees, principally the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, House International Affairs from oversight functions and appropriation matters, principal activities involve the provision of substantive intelligence information and responses to constituent inquiries.
- 3. Whenever the Director or other senior Agency officials provide sensitive classified briefings, the Agency usually conducts a prior counter-audio sweep of the hearing room as well as a counter-audio search during the testimony. The Agency transcripts are defensive measures are done with the full knowledge of the committee chairman.
- 4. CIA does not clear Members of Congress. Members are provided information on the basis of their membership on 25X1 various committees and/or their position as a Member of Congress. It should be noted, however, that some Members of Congress held before they were elected to Congress.
- 5. Security clearances are a prerequisite to the receipt of classified information by personal and committee staffs.

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Such clearances, are obtained at the initiative of the committee or Members of Congress whenever staff members are exposed t25X1 classified information provided by the Agency in the form of testimony, briefings or documents.

9. Over the years, the Agency, at the request of committees Members of Congress or staff members of Congress, have provided various types of physical security support. These included repair of safes, changing safe combinations, conduct of counteraudio surveys, telephone inspection, as well as training 25X1 employees of Congress in locks, safes, vault doors, alarms and incinerators.

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